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December 06, 2011

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
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Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

31 December 6, 2011

Sachi A. Hamai
SACHI A. HAMAI
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**ADOPT CONTRIBUTION OF
HIGHWAYS-THROUGH-CITIES FUNDING AND
ADOPT, ADVERTISE, AND AWARD
TRAFFIC SIGNAL MODIFICATION AND SYNCHRONIZATION
GARFIELD AVENUE FROM OLYMPIC BOULEVARD TO EASTERN AVENUE
IN THE CITIES OF BELL GARDENS, COMMERCE,
AND SOUTH GATE AND
IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF EAST LOS ANGELES
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1)
(4 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to authorize Highways-Through-Cities financial assistance to the Cities of Bell Gardens, Commerce, and South Gate and to approve the project to modify and synchronize traffic signals on Garfield Avenue from Olympic Boulevard to Eastern Avenue, in the Cities of Bell Gardens, Commerce, and South Gate and in the unincorporated community of East Los Angeles; find the project categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act; adopt the plans and specifications; call for bids; and authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to award a construction contract with the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that the project to construct traffic signal modifications and synchronization is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Adopt Resolution No. 3919 finding that the project is of general County interest and that the

County of Los Angeles aid in the form of Highways-Through-Cities funds shall be provided to the Cities of Bell Gardens, Commerce, and South Gate to be expended in accordance with all applicable provisions of law relating to funds derived from the Proposition C local sales tax in the amount of \$1,346,000.

3. Approve the project and adopt the plans and specifications that are on file in the Construction Division of the Department of Public Works for traffic signal modification and synchronization, at an estimated construction contract cost between \$650,000 and \$900,000.

4. Instruct the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to advertise for bids to be received and opened on January 5, 2012, in accordance with the Instruction Sheet for Publishing Legal Advertisement.

5. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to award, execute, and implement a construction contract with the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid within the estimated cost range, approve the Faithful Performance and Labor and Material Bonds and insurance submitted by the contractor, and deliver the project.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to obtain approval of the project from your Board; adopt the plans and specifications; advertise for bids; and authorize the Director of Public Works (Director) or her designee to award, execute, and implement a construction contract with the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid for the modification and synchronization of traffic signals and the performance of other appurtenant work.

Additionally, Board adoption of the enclosed resolution approves a County of Los Angeles (County) contribution of \$1,346,000 in Highways-Through-Cities (HTC) funds to finance the Cities of Bell Gardens, Commerce, and South Gate's jurisdictional shares of the project cost.

Sections 1680-1683 of the California Streets and Highways Code provide that the board of supervisors of any county may, by a resolution adopted by a four-fifths vote of its members, determine that certain types of road improvements are of general county interest and that county aid shall be extended therefor.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3). The recommended actions will help achieve these goals by providing improved traffic flow for the traveling public which will benefit the community.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The estimated construction contract cost to complete this project is in the range of \$650,000 to \$900,000. The total project cost is estimated to be \$1,395,000, with the County's jurisdictional share being \$49,000, the City of Bell Garden's share being \$578,000, the City of Commerce's share being \$732,000, and the City of South Gate's share being \$36,000. In addition to the construction contract cost, the total project cost includes the cost of plans, specifications, materials testing, construction

engineering, inspection, contract administration, change order contingency, and other County services.

The project cost will be financed with \$1,097,000 in Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority 2001 Call for Projects, Proposition C Discretionary Grant funds for the Gateway Cities Forum, and \$298,000 in Proposition C Local Return match funds. On an annual basis, your Board has established a \$2.5 million top-of-pot (TOP) allocation from the Proposition C Local Return Fund Budget for the County's Traffic Congestion Management Program. The \$298,000 will be funded from this TOP allocation. The \$1,346,000 in HTC funds consists of Proposition C Discretionary Grant funds and Proposition C Local Return funds. Financing for the construction of this project is included in the Fiscal Year 2011-12 Proposition C Local Return Fund Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The enclosed resolution has been approved as to form by County Counsel.

This project, to contract for the modification and synchronization of traffic signals, is part of the Department of Public Works' (Public Works) ongoing program for transportation system management. It will be advertised in accordance with Section 20392 of the State Public Contract Code.

This project is to be completed in 65 working days. It is estimated the work will start in April 2012 and be completed in July 2012.

Delegating to the Director or her designee the authority to award, execute, and implement this construction contract allows an expedited contracting process to meet the grant funding deadline.

The contract agreement will be in the form previously reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

The award of the contract will not result in unauthorized disclosure of confidential information and will be in full compliance with Federal, State, and County regulations. The project specifications contain provisions requiring the contractor to comply with terms and conditions supporting your Board's ordinances, policies, and programs including, but not limited to: the County's Greater Avenues for Independence and General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs (GAIN and GROW), Board Policy No. 5.050; Contract Language to Assist in Placement of Displaced County Workers, Board Policy No. 5.110; Reporting of Improper Solicitations, Board Policy No. 5.060; Notice to Contract Employees of Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law), Board Policy No. 5.135; Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203; Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit (Federal Income Tax Law, Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015); Contractor Responsibility and Debarment, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.202; the Los Angeles County's Child Support Compliance Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.200; the Los Angeles County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program Ordinance, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.206; and the standard Board-directed clauses that provide for contract termination or renegotiation.

The State Public Contract Code requires the County to award construction contracts to a responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid, which is defined as the firm that: (1) submits the bid with the lowest cost; (2) is deemed by the County to be responsive to specific criteria under the solicitation including, but not limited to, licensure, bonding, and insurance requirements; and (3) is determined by the County to be a responsible bidder by exhibiting the capability, capacity,

experience, trustworthiness, and financial wherewithal to perform the work required under the bid solicitation.

To ensure that the contract is awarded to a responsible contractor with a satisfactory history of performance, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, criminal convictions, civil litigation, defaulted contracts with the County, complaints filed with the Contractor's State License Board, labor law/payroll violations, and debarment actions. As provided for in Board Policy No. 5.140, the information reported by the contractor will be considered before making a recommendation to award.

The plans and specifications include the contractual provisions, methods, and material requirements necessary for this project and are on file with Public Works.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Section 15301(c) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines and Class 1, Subsections (x)(4) and (x)(22) of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987. These exemptions provide for the modification of existing traffic signal systems and maintenance of existing roadway facilities.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

This project will be contracted on an open-competitive bid basis. The award by the Director or her designee will be made after review of the bids and determination of the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid meeting the criteria established by your Board and the State Public Contract Code.

To increase contractor awareness of Public Works' program to contract work out to the private sector, this project will be listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

When the project is completed, it will have a positive impact by providing improved traffic flow thereby benefitting the community.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter and one copy of the resolution to the Department of Public Works, Construction Division.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

12/6/2011

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gail Farber". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Gail" and last name "Farber" clearly legible.

GAIL FARBER

Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)
County Counsel
Executive Office
Internal Services Department (Countywide
Contract Compliance)

**RESOLUTION NO. 3919 OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF
LOS ANGELES TO EXTEND COUNTY AID TO THE CITIES OF BELL GARDENS,
COMMERCE, AND SOUTH GATE FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF
TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYNCHRONIZATION IMPROVEMENTS**

WHEREAS, the CITIES OF BELL GARDENS, COMMERCE, AND SOUTH GATE hereinafter referred to as CITIES, and the COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, hereinafter referred to as COUNTY, desire to design and construct Traffic Signal Synchronization Improvements along Garfield Avenue FROM Olympic Boulevard to Eastern Avenue, which work is hereinafter referred to as PROJECT; and

WHEREAS, COUNTY proposes to design and construct PROJECT at no cost to CITIES; and

WHEREAS, portions of PROJECT are located and will be utilized within the jurisdictional limits of CITIES; and

WHEREAS, PROJECT is of general interest to CITIES and COUNTY; and

WHEREAS, the total cost of PROJECT is currently estimated to be One Million Three Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,395,000.00); and

WHEREAS, the total PROJECT cost will be financed with One Million Ninety-Seven Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,097,000.00) in Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority 2001 Call For Projects, Proposition C Discretionary Grant funds for the Gateway Cities Forum, and Two Hundred Ninety-Eight Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$298,000.00) in Proposition C Local Return match funds; and

WHEREAS, on an annual basis, a Two Million Five Hundred Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$2,500,000.00) top-of-pot (TOP) allocation from the Proposition C Local Return Fund Budget has been established for COUNTY'S Traffic Congestion Management Program; and

WHEREAS, the Two Hundred Ninety-Eight Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$298,000.00) will be funded from this TOP allocation; and

WHEREAS, PROJECT is consistent with the scope of work for traffic improvements within CITIES pursuant to Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) No. P0008127 between COUNTY and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA); and

WHEREAS, such a proposal is authorized and provided for by the provisions of Sections 1680-1683 of the California Streets and Highways Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved as follows:

SECTION 1. The PROJECT is of general COUNTY interest and COUNTY aid shall be extended therefor.

SECTION 2. Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, COUNTY consents, pursuant to the provisions of Sections 1680-1683 of the California Streets and Highways Code, to extend aid to CITIES in the amount of One Million Three Hundred Forty-Six and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,346,000.00) for PROJECT from the Proposition C Discretionary Grant funds and Proposition C Local Return funds, to be expended in accordance with all applicable provisions of law relating to funds derived from the Proposition C local sales tax.

SECTION 3. The financial obligations of COUNTY are expressly conditioned upon obtaining reimbursement from LACMTA pursuant to MOU No. P0008127 between COUNTY and LACMTA.

SECTION 4. If any provision of this resolution is held or declared to be invalid, the resolution shall be void and the consent granted hereunder shall lapse.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted on the 6th day of December, 2011, by the Board of Supervisors of County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts.



SACHI A. HAMAI
Executive Officer of the
Board of Supervisors of the
County of Los Angeles

By [Signature]
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ANDREA SHERIDAN ORDIN
County Counsel

By [Signature]
Deputy